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## PRESS RELEASE

### Washington Park Going to the Dogs!

**Miami Beach, FL** – Wagging tails await the Washington Park's groundbreaking ceremony for our newest City of Miami Beach Dog Park. The PAWty will take place on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at 201 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Miami Beach.

This new dog park is expected to be our most dog friendly site. In June 2009, the City Commission authorized for the construction of this facility emphasizing that this park should be "something special". The Administration started to work with a group of interested residents and dog lovers to design the park.

Representatives from the community, the SoFik9's organization comprised mainly of residents south of Fifth Street & the RDO (Responsible Dog Owners) met on numerous occasions to not only design the park, but develop a fundraising program with the goal to raise additional funding for supplementary park components.

Individual donations from the SoFi K9's group assisted with the purchase of water spray feature and extra benches. The sale of engraved memorial bricks and engraved memorial concrete sidewalk flags were specifically for the purchase of an eco-friendly rain water collection system that would augment the water for the irrigation in the park, additional landscaping and a drinking fountain with a dog water bowl.

The goal for additional fund allocations was met, the park has been designed and we are eager to begin this exciting project that will have Washington Park going to the dogs! The dog park completion is late this summer.

Look for future events and other Miami Beach Parks and Recreation programming in your Recreation Review, call our offices at 305-673-7730 or visit our website at [www.miamibeachparks.com](http://www.miamibeachparks.com).

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